

REPORT

Of the Committee of Claims, in the case of Adelaide Brush, with a bill for the relief of the representatives of Elijah Brush.

JANUARY 26, 1824.

Read, and, with the bill, committed.

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Adelaide Brush, executrix of Elijah Brush, having had the same, with the proof, under consideration, present the following

REPORT:

The petitioner asks to be remunerated for the destruction of a quantity of fence taken by the troops of the United States, in the fall of 1813, and winter of 1814, from the farm of the late Elijah Brush, situate near Detroit; and by them necessarily used for fuel.

The destitute situation of the territory of Michigan, after the disastrous and unfortunate campaigns of 1812, and at the time our troops regained possession of Detroit, in the fall of 1813; the inclemency of the season; the prevalence of an epidemic among our troops; that they were destitute of fuel; the necessity that existed of using fences, to prevent them from perishing by the frosts of the winter, are mentioned by Governor Cass, in his testimony in the case of Solomon Sibley, to which he has, and this committee do refer. That the fences of the said Elijah Brush were taken, appears from the testimony of Robert Smart, and others. Their value appears, by the testimony of Stephen Mack and Henry T. Hunt, to have been five hundred dollars, as estimated by them in the spring of 1814, under the immediate orders of Quartermaster M'Closky and Col. Croghan, then commanding at Detroit.

The facts in support of this case, are, in every important particular, similar to those that existed in the case of M'Combs; and the committee therefore report a bill for the relief of the petitioner.

